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LOK SABHA

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SWAN PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Wide Area Network (SWAN) Projects have been approved in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Department of Information Technology pursue the matter with the remaining States to finalise the SWAN Projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Scheme for development of the core e-Governance Infrastructure entitled `State Wide Area Network` (SWAN) was approved by the Government in March, 2005, with an estimated outlay of Rs.3334 crore for the entire country, out of which estimated expenditure of Rs.2005 crore would be met as Grant- in-Aid from DIT (Department of Information Technology) Budget, to be expended over 5 years. Under SWAN Scheme, it is envisaged to establish minimum 2 Mbps capacity intra-State Wide Area Networks (SWAN), linking the State Hqrs. right up to the Block Hqrs., in order to create a secure Government network for the purpose of delivering G2G and G2C services.

Out of 35 States/UTs the Empowered Committee on SWAN, constituted by the Government, has so far approved 28 SWAN projects and they are at various stages of implementation. The SWAN proposals from the State of Jammu & Kashmir and UT (United Territory) of Lakswdeep have been submitted to DIT for scrutiny. The proposals from UTof Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Havelli and State of Arunachal Pradesh are likely to submitted to DIT shortly. UT of Andaman & Nicobar Island has opted out of the SWAN Scheme and State of Goa has initiated its own Broadband Network in collaboration with private sector.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Regular follow-up actions have been undertaken by the DIT SWAN team to faciliate preparation and submission of SWAN project proposals by the States/UTs to Empowered Committee. For the remaining State/UTs also, DIT team had visited State of Arunachal Pradesh and UTs Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli to facilitate preparation of project proposals.

(e): Does not arise.